

TOWN OF HERNDON

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HERNDON PLANNING COMMISSION RECOGNIZES MEMBER, CITIZEN AND STAFF ASSOCIATE *Resolutions Mark National Community Planning Month*

Herndon, VA (October 10, 2006) – In celebration of National Community Planning Month, the Herndon Town Council and the Town's Planning Commission have recognized a longtime former member of the commission, a Town citizen and a long-term employee of the Town's Community Development Department for their outstanding contributions to community planning within the Town of Herndon.

Charles Allen was recognized for 21 years of service on the Planning Commission, served non-consecutively between 1967 and 1995. During his tenure, Allen's leadership contributed to development of the Town's 2010 Comprehensive Plan; the revitalization of the downtown through initiatives such as the Central Herndon Area Plan, the Downtown Vitalization Plan and the Herndon Civic Center Master Plan; and mentoring of other community leaders who shared his commitment to community involvement in the planning process.

Betty Hatfield was recognized as a Town citizen who worked tirelessly toward the improvement of the built and natural environment of the Town, offering thoughtful and focused viewpoints to the Community Development staff, Planning Commission and Town Council. In particular, Hatfield provided invaluable observations during the 2001 Downtown Charrette, contributing greatly to its success.

Brenda Morgan, administrative planner with the Town's Community Development Department, was recognized for extraordinary, dedicated service to the Town during her 27-year tenure. Under her leadership, the department's administrative staff provides prompt and courteous customer service, efficient application and plan processing and thorough staff support to the Planning Commission as well as other Town boards and commissions. Morgan also manages the acceptance and release of sureties and the adequacy of deeds and takes on additional assignments such as the advertisements and mailings required during the zoning ordinance rewrite project.

"Planned, thoughtful development within the Town of Herndon requires input from all parties – the commission, dedicated citizens and Town staff," said Carl Sivertsen, chairman of the Planning Commission. "The individuals we are recognizing as part of National Community Planning Month exemplify the spirit of commitment that has shaped our community into one of the finest in the region."

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

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